



2017 NCAA DIVISION I WOMEN'S BASKETBALL CHAMPIONSHIP

Second Round · Maryland vs. West Virginia

XFINITY Center · College Park, Md.

Sunday, March 19, 2017

POSTGAME QUOTES – Maryland

Maryland Head Coach Brenda Frese

Opening Statement:

“On a scale of 1 to 100, today was a 100. Our crowd was electric. They were so into the game and so passionate. When you talk about what we have said all season, talking about for our seniors and there was not a more fitting way to end their last home game here in XFINITY with a lot more games remaining. I thought we set the tone defensively. That first quarter you saw the physicality. West Virginia is a great team, the Big 12 champions, and they were not going to go away with their defense and rebounding. They had three players boxing out Brionna [Jones] at all times so it was a terrific game plan. We talked about keeping our poise and our confidence and to keep fighting. I thought the second quarter our defense went to another level and we were able to do a terrific job. I can't say enough about what Shatori [Walker-Kimbrough] and the team did defensively on Tynice Martin. She is so talented and to hold her to 10 points took a great team effort. Each and everyone of them locked in to the responsibility and are a big reason why we are moving on.”

On how much this win means to the team:

“This team has a different feel than it did a season ago and you can tell. You can tell when you want to go celebrate these games. You can feel their focus in terms of what we are doing. Everyone takes a breath, but from our staffs end we turn it around really quick to get ready for the next game. The kids will get the day off tomorrow, but for us it is preparing what we have left.”

On how to combat the emotion of the senior's last game and moving on:

“It is a beautiful way to send them out because it is not over yet. Everything they have accomplished and the atmosphere, our fans, and how they played shows this was not given to them. They had to go fight and claw and scratch. That's what they have had to do in their career so it is only fitting how this game unfolded. It is a fitting way to send them out of College Park and into Bridgeport.”

On how the team stayed composed after the first quarter:

"I kind of felt us being a little uncertain, so the biggest thing I wanted to do during the huddles was to settle us down and give us poise and confidence. It is a 40-minute game so we are going to wear them out by who we are and what we do. That was the biggest thing, just giving them confidence because we were up for a physical game. I thought it would be difficult for them to sustain that for a forty minute game."

Freshman Guard Destiny Slocum

On the thoughts behind her shot to end the half:

"At the Big Ten Tournament we were practicing those kinds of shots. I've seen Shatori make one like that at Indiana and I was just like, 'Why not?' That's what was in my head. Just kind of throw it up and see what happens. Watching that thing was crazy, I was in shock."

On how the team is playing defensively going into the Sweet Sixteen:

"I think Coach has put a lot of pressure on us to pick up our defensive energy and effort. That is a big thing for us, especially going into the tournament that we have been working on all season. I think right now the pieces are falling together on defense. Our communication is on key, everything is on key. Everything is working on all cylinders for our defense."

Senior Guard Shatori Walker-Kimbrough

On her defensive effort on Tynice Martin:

"Coach has been challenging me on my defense since freshman year, so it only took three and a half years to get my defense together. My team just kept giving me confidence helping weak side. I had the confidence to press up on her knowing that I had great help behind me. She is a great player so it was more great team defense because they gave me the confidence in case I did get beat."

On how important it was to get over the second round hump:

"It left a bad taste in our mouth. That was one of our goals, to take it one game at a time and make it out of College Park. I thought we did a great job. The energy coming off the bench, our defense, in transition. I thought we played a really good game and it was a good team win."

Senior Forward Brionna Jones

On how important it was to get over the second round hump:

"I think coming into this knowing how we finished for our seniors last year, we just wanted to come out and dedicate this game to them and give it everything we had so we could leave on a better note than we did last year."

On what she did in the last three quarters to be successful:

"My teammates gave me confidence and I kept working in the post. My teammates were making open shots and that made it easier for me. I started to get hot crashing the glass so that helped to push me forward."

On how Maryland dominated them in the paint late:

"I think they came out really aggressive and really physical. At first we didn't match that, but after we settled down and figured out what they were doing, we picked up our energy and physicality to finish out the rest of the game."



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West Virginia Head Coach Mike Carey

Opening Statement:

"Give Maryland a lot of credit. They came out and played hard. We did a good job in the first quarter and then we kind of wore down. It's been the same thing all year; we don't have a deep bench. We wore down and they kept bringing players in, and that's what happened."

On the game:

"We quit playing. I tell you what, it's been the same thing all year. We wear down or somebody's not scoring and they don't play well on the other end. We just don't have the bench to put other people in and correct it. We just don't have the numbers. When you lose three before the season starts and in nonconference you get an MCL and a broken nose. It's just been one of those years.

"I'd just like to say a couple things about our seniors. Desiree Rhodes didn't play hardly any this year but always had a smile. She was always positive, didn't complain. I respect Des as much as any player I've ever coached. Lanay Montgomery has been every thing for this program on and off the floor. I'm very proud of them. And I'm proud of this team, honestly. We didn't have it tonight. We had to win games in the conference tournament just to get into NCAAs, so I'm very proud of this team. We just didn't play hard enough and do the things we needed to do against a great team like Maryland."

Lanay Montgomery, West Virginia Center

On Maryland's performance:

"They're scorers, they look to score. They're a great team, Maryland is a great offensive team. They're always in attack mode and looking to score. They're good players, and they're No. 3 in the country for a reason. I think they came out and played well."

On the team's first quarter and what changed after:

"I think we were aggressive on both ends of the floor. We were in attack mode. In the second quarter, we kind of laid back and weren't as aggressive. Our shots weren't falling and we weren't communicating on defense. We just weren't playing hard."

On her career at West Virginia:

"I won't let this moment define my career. I've definitely loved it here at WVU. I've been around great people, and this is my family away from home. It will always be my family. These are my sisters for life. The current girls, the past girls – we have a family here. We have a family atmosphere. I will always look at Coach Carey as a father figure. We have great support at WVU, and this will always be my second home."

Teana Muldrow, West Virginia Forward

On where the team will go next year:

"Next year, we're not going to change our principles. It's going to be the same thing: defense first. We're going to work extra hard over the summer to get better as a team and as individuals. Just to get stronger and better. We know losing Lanay in the post is a big loss for us because she has a big presence in there. The post players that we're getting, we're going to develop them the best we can and we're going to be ready to go next season."